

CHESS PLAY WITHOUT RESULT

AMERICANS AND BRITISH MEET IN CABLE MATCH.

J. Marshall Has the Better of His Argument With the Veteran J. H. Blackburne—Prospects Rather Against the American Team—Not a Game Finished

When play ceased at the close of the first day's session in the twelfth annual Anglo-American cable chess match at the rooms of the Brooklyn Chess Club yesterday evening, the prospects of recovering the Newnes trophy, now in England, were none of the rosiest, and it will require steady work on the part of the Americans to-day to avoid a repetition of last year's defeat.

United States Champion F. J. Marshall had the better of his argument with the veteran J. H. Blackburne at the first board and mightily win. This was offset by inferior positions at the second, fifth and eighth boards, where J. E. Barry of Boston, G. H. Wohlbrecht of St. Louis and R. T. Blackmore had put down in the course of building up an attack, but was by no means without hope at the end of the day's confrontation he had a fair chance for a promising attack. Barry moved his king very early and the monarch had not reached safety when the overnight truce was declared. Black's disadvantage consisted of a cramped king's side position from which careful play may yet extricate him.

Hedges, Voig, Staelman, Schlesinger, Hirschfeld and Meyer one and all played sterling chess and held their opponents spellbound. The Englishmen, however, did not meet with moves sent him which had two interpretations. In the first case had he applied the usual rule in such cases the stalemate would have been the game outright. He preferred, however, to give the privilege of neutralizing his opponent and play continued as though nothing had happened.

The only player on either side who failed to respond to the call of the selection committee was A. W. Fox of Washington, D. C., and the veteran won by his failure to answer the call. He was a champion of Sydney Rosenfeld, the playwright. Boards 9, 10 and 11 therefore were manned by players who were now to cable their names. The Englishmen, who had not participated in these matches before, Capt. Charles Curt of the American team was the first and decided to play while on an odd numbered boards. The pairings resulted as follows:

Board 1. Marshall vs. J. H. Blackburne.

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3. G. H. Wohlbrecht vs. R. T. Blackmore.

4. R. T. Blackmore vs. J. E. Barry.

5. J. E. Barry vs. G. H. Wohlbrecht.

6. G. H. Wohlbrecht vs. F. J. Marshall.

7. F. J. Marshall vs. A. W. Fox.

8. A. W. Fox vs. G. H. Wohlbrecht.

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